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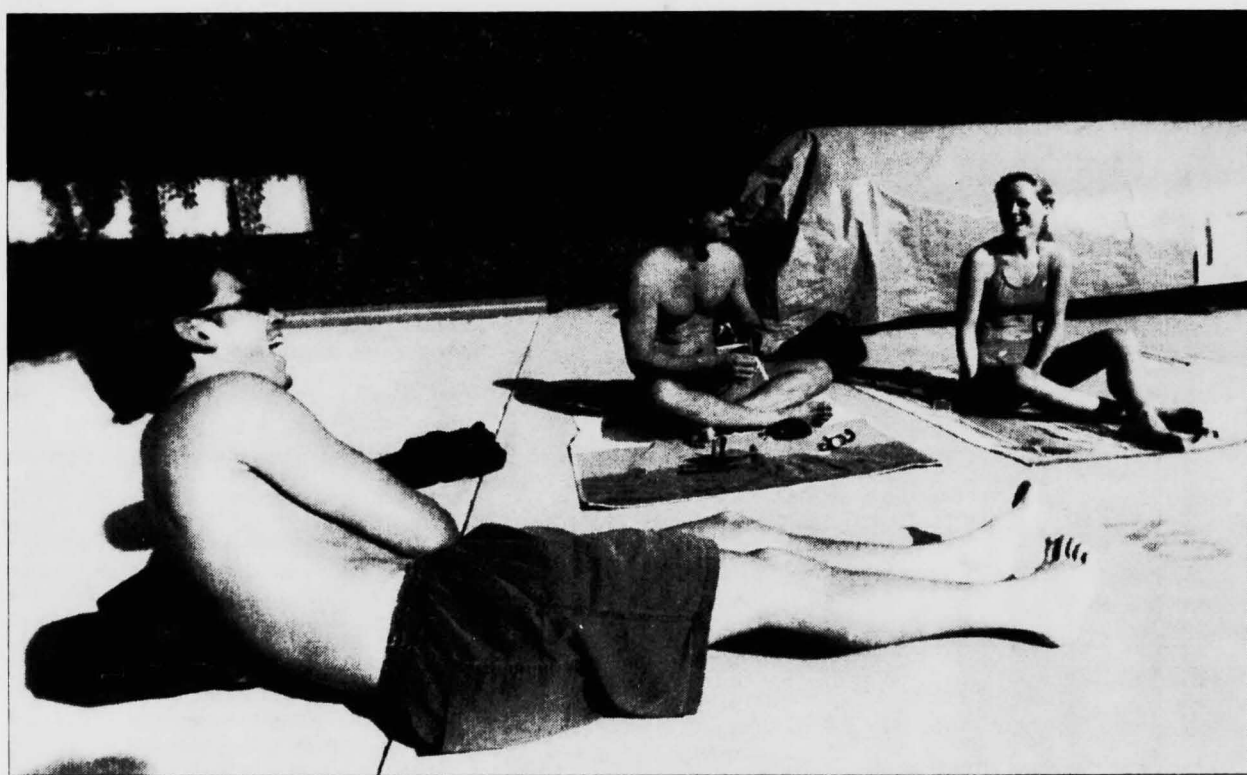
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Just Chillin'



From left to right: social science major Bill Montana enjoys the unseasonably warm weather with meteorology major Jim Sinclair and wildlife biology major Debie Kinsey at the Aquatic Center Tuesday afternoon.

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Faculty kicks off charity campaign; contributions half of county total

By Yvonne Ohumukini-Urness
Staff Writer

San Jose State University faculty and staff will have a chance to express their generosity this month during the 1997 United California State Employees Campaign.

Formerly known as the United Way Campaign, the annual campaign gives employees an opportunity to donate to their favorite charities through direct payroll deductions. Employees can opt to contribute to a general fund or they can specify the organization(s) they want to help.

SJSU President Robert Caret addressed a meeting of division coordinators, appointees and volunteers, who help coordinate the campaign, during a campaign kick-off and training session Thursday.

"One of the great roles of education, and one of the great roles of this institution, is to focus on the whole as much as on the individual," Caret said.

Coordinating the campaign for the university this year is Vice President for Administration Don Kassing.

"What the university does by being involved is it creates a community network for the campaign to reach large numbers of

"There are almost 400 non-profit agencies and charities in our community that are dependent on us for food."

— Beverly Jackson
Second Harvest Food Bank

people," Kassing said.

"Payroll deductions make giving easier," she said. "The minimum donation is \$2 per month and there are over 800 agencies to choose from."

Doug McLendon of the United Way of Santa Clara County emphasized the importance of SJSU's employee participation.

"The campaign's goal (for SJSU) is just about half of what the goal is for the entire campaign in this county," McLendon said. "So what we do here on this campus is extremely important."

The United Way is the fiscal agent responsible for administering the campaign for state employees. The organization dis-

tributes and processes pledge forms, trains the campaign coordinators and distributes the state funds to local organizations.

Guest speaker Beverly Jackson spoke to the volunteers, thanking them for past support and outlining how contributions are used at the agency. Jackson is from Second Harvest Food Bank.

"There are almost 400 non-profit agencies and charities in our community that are dependent on us for food," Jackson said.

Greg Breen of the Audubon Society of Santa Clara County spoke on environmental issues and how the society uses donated funds. One program sponsored by the organization takes students from the inner-city on field trips to the nearby foothills.

"A lot of kids who grew up in the inner-city have no idea of the relationship between an acorn and an oak tree," he said. "We take them up there and show them."

Caret identified SJSU as the largest state employer in the county and with the \$65,000 in employee donations, the university accounted for almost half of the \$155,000 in donations received from Santa Clara County employees last year.

Caret said the goal for this year is \$70,000. The campaign runs through the end of this month.

High school elite sought

■ New scholarship targets secondary school achievers for SJSU recruitment

By John Meyer
Staff Writer

San Jose State University President Robert Caret hopes to lure "elite" high school students to the university with the President's Scholars Program.

The program is a new type of scholarship that will target high school valedictorians, National Merit Scholars and finalists and students with a cumulative GPA of 3.75 or higher who are actively involved in school leadership or who possess creative talent to come to SJSU.

Putting out the word

"We just want people to know that SJSU is a viable option for people who have high achieving credentials," said Pedro Gonzales, SJSU chairman of the President's Scholars Program selection committee that will review applicants for the scholarship.

The scholarships will give the students \$8,000 annually to pay for fees, room and board and books.

"The idea of a free ride someplace is pretty enticing," said Janet Redding, SJSU vice president of university advancement. "The President's Scholars are likely to come from other parts of the state where the housing is attractive."

Attraction the goal

George Carter, SJSU

planned giving officer, who works on the endowments of the scholarships, said the scholarship would make SJSU more competitive in attracting top-of-the-class high school students.

"We would attract the best,"

Carter said. "They wouldn't all go to Stanford or Cal."

Gonzales said private schools and those in the University of California system make entrance standards really high because they get so many applications. He, however, said the President's Scholars Program

"If they can get a full-ride, then they'll take it. That's the economic reality."

— Adrian Kirk
assistant principal of student activities, Willow Glen High School

wasn't formed because SJSU has trouble attracting the best high school students.

"We get applications from students who are the top of the class and less-prepared students," Gonzales said.

Affordability a plus

Some high school advisers think it's about cost and affordability.

Dennis Dehart, a student adviser at Mt. Pleasant High School, said, "It's all in the money." Dehart said a full-ride scholarship would attract anyone who can get it.

Adrian Kirk, assistant principal of student activities at Willow Glen High School, agrees with Dehart. "If they can get a full-ride, then they'll take it. That's the economic reality."

More than economics

Some high school advisers said choosing a school is more than economics, it also depends on what the school has to offer as far as majors and standards.

Dora Amezcua, a student adviser at Yerba Buena High School, said choosing a school depends on what the student wants to study. She also said a lot of the 4.0 GPA students choose to go to UCs and private schools.

Great expectations

The scholarship is renewable for four years, but only if the students fulfill academic requirements. The President's Scholars have to be full-time students and maintain an escalating GPA throughout their

See *Scholars*, page 6

Technology upgrades aid disabled access

By Allison K. Wright
Staff Writer

When the Hi-Tech Center opened its doors again Monday, students with disabilities regained access to upgraded computers that will give them new ways to compensate for their disabilities.

The center, located on the first floor of Clark Library, closed down Oct. 20 to upgrade its computer equipment and furniture. The old equipment failed to meet the guidelines set by the Americans with Disabilities Act, which ensures that the disabled have equal opportunities in education and employment.

The new computers have been equipped with voice

recognition software for visually impaired students as well as cognitive software for students with learning disabilities. The center's decade-old computers could not support the new software, said Naveen Radwan, information technology coordinator for the Disability Resource Center.

"It is important that the disabled students on campus have access to the same equipment that non-disabled students have," Radwan said. "It is not fair if non-disabled students have computer labs on campus that are using upgraded equipment such as Windows 95 and our students are still using old computers

See *Hi-Tech*, page 6

Needs of homeless spur El Niño preparation

■ Anticipation of bad winter weather prompts SJSU's Sociology Club to help those most affected by the rain

By Christine M. Lias
Staff Writer

To prepare for what may be one of the wettest anticipated winters ever, the Sociology Club has begun to solicit food, clothing and hygiene products for the city's homeless population, president Will Wells said.

Posted fliers loudly announce El Niño's expected arrival, while simultaneously soliciting food and clothing from the San Jose State University campus. According to meteorologists, El Niño is a weather phenomenon that originates in the Pacific Ocean by slowing trade winds. Flooding and heavy rains in 1982, were blamed on the tropical weather.

"We wanted to collect goods at a time when there is no holiday and El Niño

seemed to be a good excuse," Wells said of the massive Pacific Ocean storm due to arrive in California this winter.

Wells is an intern with Community Homeless Alliance Ministry, a non-profit organization on Fifth Street that serves the homeless population around San Jose State University, will receive the Sociology Club's donations.

"I remember San Jose in the '60s, when downtown was home to a lot of Skid Row bums," Wells said. "In the past 30 years, redevelopment has shut out a lot of those individuals. Where do they go?"

One option is the Homeless Alliance, located at the First Christian Church at 80 S. Fifth St., where founder Scott Wagers is a minister.

"What I've noticed in the past five years is the change in students' mentality and

"Students have become very stand-offish, failing to see how close they, themselves, are to being homeless."

— Scott Wagers
founder of Homeless Alliance

Wells said

"I like to believe that students on campus are compassionate, but they aren't motivated enough to benefit the local community," Wells said.

Compared to some other homeless and charitable organizations, such as Second Harvest or CityTeams, the Homeless Alliance is the only group that benefits the homeless around the SJSU campus directly, Wells said.

Every Tuesday, a meal is prepared by the

See *El Niño*, page 6

Determining one's learning style vital to success at university

One skill that students must perfect to survive through scantron exams, short answer quizzes and speeches is memorization.

One of the reasons I'm on the six-year plan instead of the four-year plan is because I did not master the art of memorization. I had to take a couple of classes over because I was out-of-touch with what kind of learner I was.

If you want to keep a good GPA you not only have to memorize information efficiently but you must know what kind of

learner you are. Learning falls under three categories: visual, auditory and tactile. If you don't get in touch with your learning category, you won't survive through midterms and finals.

I am finally graduating this semester and I couldn't have done it without understanding my "learning personality." I'm a visual learner. In order for me to process information effectively, I need to read and write it.

I've gotten through my hardest classes by writing flash cards and reading them a hundred times.

Here are three learning styles. Just read them over to see which one you think you are.

If you are a visual learner, information is best retained as you read the text book for the class. Visual learners process information better when the teacher writes lecture facts on the black board. You will probably have trouble in classes which the teacher does not have clear



ALLISON K. WRIGHT

notes on the black board or talks too fast. Visual learners flourish in a learning environment if they see the information as well as hear it.

Auditory learners retain information better by simply hearing lectures or listening to themselves repeat facts out loud. These learners thrive in situations where teachers reinforce facts through stories. Students mem-

orize information by intertwining images from the stories with facts. The auditory learner will not learn as well if the teacher relies on the textbook to explain the information in depth. Auditory learners will retain information in their long term memories if they tape records lectures and listen to them before exams.

Tactile learners accumulate information by physically being involved in the learning process. Tactile learners thrive when they can actually touch what they are trying to learn.

Tactile learners do not learn information well if they have to maintain a passive relationship with the learning process.

It is important to understand the above learning categories so you can memorize and reiterate information on exams. If you don't understand what learning style you fall under, the test scores that you get back from your classes will reflect your ignorance.

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Editorial

Donating to volunteer organizations benefits all

When you serve others you serve yourself.

While it may not be the noblest sounding phrase, it is one of the most truthful. Serving others in the community benefits the community as a whole.

Therefore, we commend the willingness of employees on this campus to donate money to their preferred charities through the 1997 United California State Employees Campaign.

The campaign offers state employees the chance to simply have money deducted from their paychecks to go to one of over 800 local agencies. The minimum donation is \$2 a month.

What could be easier or simpler? These employees have been given the chance to give to organizations who do for others what many times they cannot do for themselves.

Not only should the "giving" action make the employees feel good about what they are doing for others, but, quite frankly it makes them look good to others as well.

It is a commonly known fact that anyone who has completed any amount of community service and puts that experience on their resume looks that much more appealing to most employers. It shows them that the applicant looks beyond himself to help others, that he or she is a team player and works toward the common good. Who wouldn't want an employee such as that person?

But for those who don't have the time to physically go to a volunteer site of any sort to give of their time, giving money to a charitable organization that completes such volunteer work is the next best thing.

By giving to the United Way, members of the SJSU community can be virtually assured their money will be going into organizations near SJSU... what could be better?

Give and give freely, not only does it help others but it helps your well-being while on campus and your outlook on life as well.

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Van is a classic, not a clunker

So I got one of those annoying little fliers stuck under my windshield wiper a couple of days ago.

After leaving it until the cheap dye began to run down my hood, I plucked it off to take a look.

It was from EcoScrap.

And they wanted my car. EcoScrap seems like a legit organization whose web site says that its "purpose is to clean up the air by taking clunkers off the road."

Frankly, I'm offended that my car was labeled a "clunker," chalked up as nothing more than merely disposable and targeted for demolition.

The business proudly boasts that it "will not crush a rare '57 Chevy Nomad or a '65 Mustang convertible."

Well, add one to your list EcoScrappers — it's a 1983 Dodge Ram Van and, let me assure you, rare doesn't even begin to describe it.

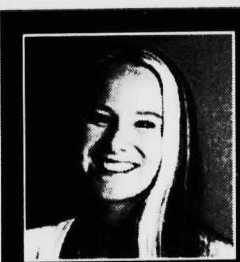
My parents bought the van new (think: one of those two-tone brown and beige vans favored by the YMCA and church groups for annual ski trips), and it still looked like it seven years later when I took (and failed) my driving test. My parents never really gave me the car, per se. They just became too embarrassed to drive it as I — and my friends — increasingly put our mark on it.

It has six-cylinders, a 45-gallon tank and a gas gauge that perpetually hovers midway between "E" and walk.

It tops out at 15 m.p.h. on a 10 degree angle in second gear with the pedal to the floor and backfires the entire way up any incline steeper than that.

It has a rear end covered in primer and a broken out tail light covered in weather-beaten red cellophane.

The rear fender is in "V" formation, the roof was redone and left unpainted because the rainfall inside of the car was molding the carpet, there are no hubcaps and the chrome on the sides has been all but lost.



I'm serious
Terri K. Milner

It has purple velveteen seat covers and a horn that plays 41 different songs, including "You Are My Sunshine" and "Yellow Rose of Texas."

It is plastered with faded and peeling flower and political statement stickers. In other words, it is a true work of art.

It was meant to be driven around town but has survived many road trips; it seats eight but has carried 21; it was designed to perform best going forward but has done beautifully handling backward donuts on two wheels.

I was the first of my friends to (eventually) obtain my license — and the only one to ever have a big car.

My friends and I grew up within those steel confines. Its walls have heard dreams, laughter, tears, girl talk and bad singing.

It has been a shuttle, a race car, a motel, a bar and a discotech.

And it has kept our secrets well.

I liken my van to the Giving Tree. For seven-and-a-half years it has consistently given to me above and beyond; it was our realm, our haven of freedom.

I've been told by some that trashing my car would be the "smart" thing to do.

Blasphemers!

EcoScrap seems like it has a good, environmentally-conscious thing going, but my car needs none of its help; it passed the smog exam (the second time around and after \$85), so it is causing no one any harm with the possible exception of soreness to the eyes.

So EcoScrap needs to label someone else's car demolition-worthy because mine is a plethora of memories made, secrets shared, rumors passed, laws broken, and — most importantly — it still makes safe deliveries.

Terri K. Milner is Managing Editor of the Spartan Daily. Her column appears every Wednesday.

Academic pricing misleads students; higher prices for computer hardware prevail

If you're looking into buying a computer, don't believe what you hear about academic pricing. It's a sham.

The basic premise of academic pricing is to slash the cost of computers (usually by hundreds of dollars) to make them affordable to students and faculty. The problem is that academic pricing is limited to software and does not apply to hardware.



SCOTT SHUEY

This is the equivalent of selling someone a car for \$500 and then charging \$5,000 for the tires.

Take a trip over to the Spartan Bookstore and look at the prices.

Want to buy PageMaker, Photoshop or any of the other programs typically used by students? You will get a good deal. According to Gilbert Wong, who works in the computer section at the Spartan Bookstore, the manufacturers (in this case Borland and Microsoft) typically charge 50 percent more for non-academically priced software.

The problem is that people need to purchase hardware, not software. Most people don't need new software, and, even if they do, they seldom purchase it. A lot of software is just a free download away. If that doesn't work, most Americans just steal a copy from work.

Is this software copying killing the software makers? Let's put it this way. Instead of people like Bill Gates making trillions of dollars, they're only making billions.

Even if you do purchase the software from an academic institution, if you don't go to a commercial computer store for the hardware, the money you saved will quickly disappear.

Take modems, for example. With the increase of homework and research that is done through the Internet, modems have become a necessity. If you need a new modem, it's cheaper to go down to Fry's. At the bookstore a new 56.7 kps (the fastest modem possible for a phone line) modem by US Robotics costs about \$209. At Fry's you pay \$220... and get a coupon for a \$50 rebate.

Or how about memory. That new version of QuarkXpress you just bought won't run on the four megabytes of RAM you currently have in your computer. The Spartan Bookstore will sell you 32 megs of memory for your Mac for \$139. Fry's will charge you \$99.

Students don't need academically priced software. They need modems, memory and all the other equipment that goes with computers. It makes no sense for the campus bookstore to have some of the highest prices around.

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Editor's column misses point of church's real teachings

I read with interest the opinion expressed in the Daily Oct. 29 concerning the Roman Catholic Church's position on condom use.

I am one of the out-of-touch Catholics who wears her Catholicism on her "sleeve." I think some clarification on church teachings is in order.

The church teaches that the only acceptable place for sexual intercourse is within the blessed sacrament of marriage and for the sole purpose of procreation and no other.

This does not leave room for interpretation on the church's ban on all forms of artificial birth control, including condoms.

It is fallacious reasoning to suggest that the ban on condoms is for the purpose of preventing promiscuity, rather the ban reflects a much deeper meaning that is central to the Catholic Church.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

"It is fallacious reasoning to suggest that the ban on condoms is for the purpose of preventing promiscuity, rather the ban reflects a much deeper meaning that is central to the Catholic Church."

cuity, rather the ban reflects a much deeper meaning that is central to the Catholic Church. The church is on the right track because the disintegration of the family unit is at the core of many of our social problems today.

Anyone who is opposed to the teachings of the Catholic Church is free to embrace any other faith or perhaps none at all.

However, true Catholics look to Pope John Paul II as our spiritual guide sent by God, and the teaching is clear concerning this matter.

Andrea Cruz
Humanities

Fit for a queen



Elizabeth Morales, a child development major, purchases a skirt from the Afrosurf Shack outside the Student Union. Doug Hartley's "shack" carries a variety of dresses, skirts and tops. Hartley will be on campus Thursday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Robert Serna/Spartan Daily

Exhibition features BMX, in-line skating

■ Extreme sports professionals stop at SJSU to promote new line of gear

By Doug Burkhardt
Staff Writer

San Jose State University prohibits bicycle riding and skating of any kind on campus.

Wanna bet? Members from the Skate Jam Team will demonstrate extreme skills with an in-line skating clinic and BMX bike riding exhibition today at noon at the Student Union Amphitheater.

The event, which showcases five nationally renowned extreme sports professionals, is sponsored by Trunk & Co., the designer of outdoor travel bags and multi-functional backpacks by Samsonite. The tour is designed to draw SJSU students to the new line of outdoor gear.

"The students at San Jose are the very people for whom Trunk & Co. was designed," Brand Manager Cathy Doyle said. The company is trying to

Quick Read

- BMX and in-line skating exhibition
- Today at noon
- Student Union Amphitheater
- Free of charge

build awareness of its line of what Doyle calls "hip, stylish, multi-functional backpacks and outdoor travel bags."

The point of the tour is to grab students' attention with dangerous tricks and famous professionals.

Riders include Eric Wylie, a 10-time national rollerblading champion, and his partner Deanna Wilshire. The two have done numerous commercials and three Super Bowl half-time shows together.

Dave Cardoza, the 1990 Castle Amateur Skateboarding Champion, and Ralf Koch, a 1991 Wisconsin State Gymnastics Champion and Midwest In-Line Skating Champion, will also try to draw student attention.

Todd Seligman, the only bicy-

clist of the tour, will showcase his 12 years of BMX experience. Seligman toured with Reebok and appeared in a Converse commercial.

The tour events will range from launch pad tricks, over-the-edge aerial blading and bike stunts to aerobic instructional sessions with the aforementioned professionals.

Trunk & Co. in particular wants to promote a bag that is so light, the company's press release says it "defies gravity."

According to information from Trunk & Co., its products were first introduced in the European market in 1996 and the company believes its products reflect the "global attitudes" of Generation X.

SJSU is one of the nine colleges the Trunk & Co. Skate Jam College Tour plans to visit.

The tour also stops at San Francisco State, Santa Clara University, Menlo College, the University of California Berkeley, Fresno State University, Sacramento State University, Bellevue Community College and the University of Washington.

Truck rigged as deadly weapon

TORRANCE (AP) — Authorities say an electrician's truck stopped by sheriff's deputies on Halloween was a rolling arsenal: It was rigged with 14 makeshift cannons.

Steel pipes strapped to the roof and across the bed of the Chevrolet pickup could be packed with gunpowder and rocks or other projectiles and fired at the flip of a switch, Los Angeles County sheriff's Detective Timothy Wainscott said Tuesday.

"I've never seen anything like that before," said Wainscott, who is with the sheriff's arson/explosives detail.

He described each tube as "a primitive-type cannon."

"I'm taking it very seriously," he added. "If you throw (in) a fistful of nails ... the results are going to be catastrophic if you're standing in front of that barrel."

The driver had an explanation.

"Simply that those were for his own protection," Wainscott said. "He said he'd been ripped off, mugged in the past, and he had a right to defend his property."

Bernard Leon Daniels, 45, was arraigned Tuesday in South Bay Municipal Court but did not enter a plea. A Nov. 13 date was set to schedule his preliminary hearing.

Daniels, who has a January conviction for possessing a

"If you throw (in) a fistful of nails... the results are going to be catastrophic if you're standing in front of that barrel."

— Timothy Wainscott,
Los Angeles sheriff's department

deadly weapon, is charged with two counts of possessing a destructive device, one count of possessing ingredients for a destructive device, one count of being an ex-convict with a loaded firearm and one count of being an ex-convict with a concealed firearm in a vehicle, district attorney's spokesman Sandi Gibbons said.

He remained jailed in lieu of \$1.17 million bail and could face 10 years in prison if convicted on the felony counts, authorities said.

Deputies pulled over the pickup in El Camino Village, a county area just north of Torrance. The truck was missing a front license plate and had

flashing blue lights that are allowed only on emergency vehicles.

The pipes, some 2 inches around and 5 feet long, were fitted with heating coils and caps at one end and wired into a box in the cab. Flipping the switch would heat the pipes to ignite gunpowder.

The tubes were not loaded but residue in several indicated they apparently had been fired in the past, Wainscott said.

A dummy M-29 rifle grenade, a .357-caliber revolver and a bottle of whiskey were found inside the truck, authorities said.

Investigators who went to Daniels' room at a Gardena-area motel found several dozen rifle bullet casings from which powder had been removed in an apparent plan to make some type of pipe bomb, Wainscott said.

Explosive powder had been removed from fireworks and the room also contained several inert grenades for military rifles, the detective said.

None would fit in the truck tubes, however, he added.

The truck also bore hand-painted Biblical passages and signs announcing him as an electrician and music teacher.

"He's an electrician, a guitar player, a songwriter, he's preaching a little Gospel on the back of his truck," Wainscott said.

Jeopardy offers an option to TV

■ "College Jeopardy On-line" gives students an opportunity to show school spirit and win prizes at the same time

By Aaron Williams
Senior Staff Writer

The marketing people say, "Play Jeopardy in your underwear" and "Beat your rival school."

But the real appeal of "College Jeopardy On-line" is the fact that you can win stuff.

You can say you're being a "school spirit" type, playing for Spartan pride. Hell, you can even say your doing it for research and for the quest for knowledge. (I did.) But when it comes to winning prizes, there need be no excuse.

The concept of "College Jeopardy On-line" came from the marketing team at Sony, when they found that an extremely high number of people playing the regular "Jeopardy" were college students. As the fall tournament entered the final week of qualifying, over 47,000 students had logged on and played. And true to Spartan form, we weren't even close to the top 100.

In order to qualify for the elimination round tournament, students must first of all play (Duh!), but have an average score high enough to be invited to the "post season" tourney.

To get to "College Jeopardy On-line," type in WWW.STATION.SONY.COM and follow the instruction to the "College Jeopardy On-line" site.

Right now the SJSU average is hovering around \$7,100. This compared to the high score \$176,000 (from the University of California at Berkeley) and the No. 1 student average of \$54,515 (from Blackburn College). (I guess that means we are studying more than they are.) The top schools are Cal, the University of Arizona (four top 10 entries) and Texas A&M. In order to qualify, you must complete three games per week and the average score of those games will determine if you move on or not. You can play up to five games per week to boost your average. "We are very pleased with 47,000 students. We have plans for a spring tournament," Stephen Yee of Sony said in a phone interview from the back of a taxi cab on Fifth Avenue in New York City. "This has brought college rivalry to the digital age."

The last day to qualify for the "post season" and the Pontiac car is Nov. 10. Going on-line, I found the games to be challenging and fun. The questions weren't so hard as to make you feel inferior and weren't so easy as to make you feel like you were playing "Family Fued." The randomly generated categories can either give you an edge in piling up a high score or really putting you in the hole. The only complaint I had with the game was that if you accidentally double-clicked on an answer, the game bombed. (One time I was happy it did, because I was at negative \$8,000. I bet big on a Daily Double. But once I was up to close to \$20,000 when it took a dump.)

So let the marketing people say all they want about playing Jeopardy in your underwear, naked or whatever. I'm in it for the prizes.

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Padilla's eligibility not up in the air

■ Soccer player overcomes setback while juggling work, school, marriage

By Kevin W. Hecteman
Staff Writer

To survive on two hours of sleep a night, most students would have to drink enough Rocket Fuel to power the space shuttle.

It doesn't seem to faze Eddie Padilla any.

"I guess I got used to it," Padilla said.

Padilla, a fifth-year senior, has to juggle a full-load academic career as an electrical engineering major, a full-time job working nights at a bakery, his position as the third-string goalkeeper for the Spartans men's soccer team and his recent marriage.

As if this wasn't enough, Padilla had to spend extra time and effort fighting to maintain his academic eligibility — a fight Padilla said set him back on the soccer field.

"That, I think, ruined my chances of being the second-string goalkeeper," Padilla said of the flap which sidelined him until late September.

Men's soccer coach Gary St. Clair said Padilla was rendered ineligible under the "25-50-75" rule, which outlines the percentage of units toward graduation that must be completed at certain points in an athlete's



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SJSU goalie Eddie Padilla has battled academic ineligibility while balancing a demanding class and work schedule.

career. According to the rule, an athlete must have completed 75 percent of his or her classes toward graduation by the beginning of the athlete's senior year.

At the beginning of the fall semester, Padilla had completed 73 percent of his courses.

When the ruling came down from the NCAA, St. Clair and SJSU Faculty Representative Charles Whitcomb went to bat for Padilla.

"I didn't think the intent of

the rule matched Eddie's situation," St. Clair said, noting his full academic load and his job. He added Padilla had not taken any "bonehead" courses to inflate his total.

"I've never taken any courses that didn't count toward my major or general ed," Padilla said.

He said he could not afford to fall behind in his work because it's mentally taxing.

"There (are) no easy courses

in engineering," he said.

Whitcomb said a waiver petition had to be filed with the NCAA Satisfactory Progress Waiver Committee. Whitcomb felt Padilla had a case.

"You have to demonstrate that an appeal should be granted," Whitcomb said. "His academic program showed his intent to be successful."

St. Clair said appeals are rarely granted, but in this case, the NCAA made an exemption

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— Gary St. Clair,
SJSU men's soccer coach

and reinstated Padilla.

"It's not very easy to get an appeal," St. Clair said.

Nor is it easy for Padilla these days even though he has his roster spot back.

In addition to soccer and school, he supports himself and his new bride, Xochitl, whom he married last summer, by working full time at Bodine Bakery in San Francisco, usually from 7 p.m. to 3:30 a.m.

After going home to San Leandro, he sleeps for all of two hours before getting up and going to school and soccer practice.

Despite his recent NCAA-induced absence from the soccer field, St. Clair believes Padilla is one of his better players.

"He is one of the hardest workers we have on the team," St. Clair said. "I wish I had more players with his intelligence and commitment."

Fan Mail

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Last week, after the Spartans beat Air Force, head coach Dave Baldwin called it "luck." This week, after being crushed by Fresno State, he points to the lack of "character" on the team as being a big problem, and says he doesn't think quarterback Dan O'Dell is a "legitimate" player.

Whose side is coach Baldwin on? How can a coach who bad mouths his team in public expect them to show any "character," let alone become winners?

Character is learned by example. A coach's job is to build up his team and do the very best with what he has, not lay blame on the shoulders of the very players he hopes will make him look good next week.

Stafford Hebert
Post graduate, Music

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Shrader silently leads SJSU into WAC tournament

■ Spartan defender serves as 'Mom' for soccer team as it heads into tourney

By Anthony Perez
Staff Writer

Anonymity is something San Jose State University women's soccer player Staci Shrader has dealt with most of her life and she hopes to fade into the background for at least three more games.

Those games will be in the Western Athletic Conference Championship Tournament, which could propel the team into the national spotlight.

"In this part of the season, you have to dig deeper than deep," Shrader said. "You have to suck it up and play with the pain through the pain because this is it."

After just sneaking into the post-season in their final game of the season, the Spartans will face the University of New Mexico Lobos today in the first round of the WAC Championships in Dallas. The Spartans will need three wins to take the WAC championship and move on to the NCAA playoffs.

While Shrader is absent from the boxscores in nearly every game, she doesn't mind. As a "sweeper" on defense, she has managed to lead the team on and off the field, but not in the scoring column.

"When you play defense you don't expect to get stardom," Shrader said. "There are no stats for defenders."

As one of the team's three captains, Shrader's compassion and outspokenness has earned the name "Mom" from teammates.

"The name 'Mom' comes from (Shrader's) nurturing," said SJSU senior forward Kristen Leonti. "She's a good listener and is easy to get along with."

"She helps bond the team



Staci Shrader

and lets us share our feelings."

After a scoreless first season with the Spartans, Shrader broke out in the first game this year by scoring two goals against rival Santa Clara University. Although the Spartans ended up losing the game, Shrader received WAC Women's Soccer Player of the Week for the Pacific Division.

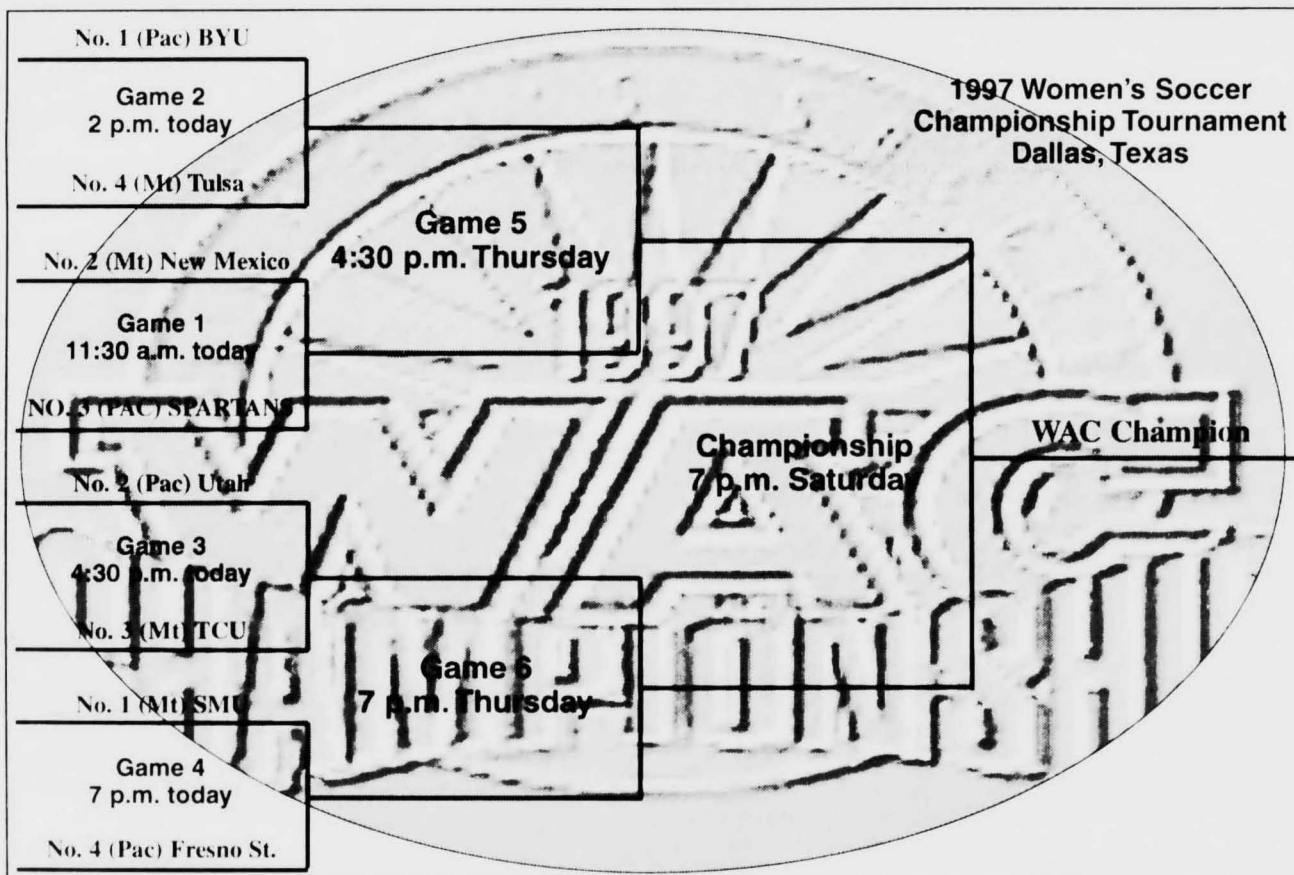
"That was real special," Shrader said. "It's not often that defensive backs score."

Shrader has also been in the shadow of last year's WAC Player of the Year and the Spartans' all-time leading goal scorer Stacie Savage. With 19 goals in 19 games already this year, Savage stands a good chance of taking the honor again according to Blin.

"(Shrader) is a complete leader," Blin said. "She's determined. On the field, she's vocal and directs the team from the backfield always in a positive way."

Shrader is one of four seniors that will need a win today to keep their college soccer careers going. Starting seniors Leonti, Savage and Mia Duran are the others who would like to bring home a championship trophy before moving on.

"Being a captain you have to put pressure on anyway," Shrader said. "But being a



senior I put a lot of pressure on the younger players."

The Lobos (15-4, 4-2 in the WAC) also may be feeling a sense of desperation as they have nine seniors as well.

The Spartans have faced their toughest schedule in the team's three-year history as SJSU's schedule was ranked 11th toughest in the nation by the NCAA.

Last season, the Spartans beat New Mexico in the first round of the WAC Championships before getting knocked out in the second round. Like last year, the Lobos' main threat remains to be senior forward Laurie Hegedorn. She has scored 17

goals with 10 assists and is vying for first team All-American.

"Laurie is really fast," Duran said. "She was able to run up the sidelines a lot."

The Spartans will have to go up against New Mexico without starting midfielder Tennille Ruggiero because she received a red card against Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo on Sunday. Ruggiero's one game suspension forces Blin to shuffle the roster once again.

Blin, in his third year of coaching the Spartans, said if

they make it to the finals in the WAC and lose, their schedule strength may determine if they get an at-large bid in the NCAA playoffs.

"I expected to make the WAC Championships," Blin said. "We had a more difficult schedule so we figured we would finish lower."

The Spartans beat SDSU 2-1 over a week ago in both team's final WAC game of the year. The win propelled the Spartans to a three-way tie with the University of Utah and Fresno State.

"It's like a whole new season," Blin said. "We have nothing to lose. If we play the way we've been playing, we'll be okay."

WAC officials determined the seeding of the three tied teams through a coin toss, which resulted in SJSU landing the third seed in the WAC's Pacific Division.

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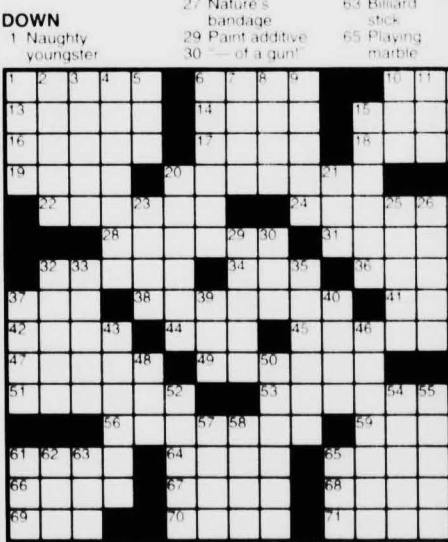
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- Unpleasant experience
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- Breakfast food
- Islands of the North Atlantic
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- Battery post
- Aggravates
- Nature's bandage
- Paint additive
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- Wait - Dark
- Sampled
- Johann
- Sebastian
- Type of shot
- Corned beef
- Shower flowers
- Old World rodents
- Kind of tent
- Balpark event
- Zodiac sign
- Slalom competitor
- Weight of a container
- Singer Turner
- Hot hard
- Johnny
- Writer Tan
- Billiard stick
- Playing marble



Sparta Guide

TODAY

Linguistics and Language meeting

The Linguistics and Language Development Student Association is having a general meeting from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Student Union Pacheco Room. For more information, call Angela at 924-4404.

Child Development meeting

The Child Development Club is having Michelle Beres from the Teaching Internship Program speak at its meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the Central Classroom Building, Room 118. For more information, call Dawn Holt at 924-3728.

First Circle K meeting

The Circle K International, a service organization sponsored by Kiwanis is having its first meeting at 5 p.m. in the Student Union Montalvo Room. Free pizza will be offered.

Sikh Student Association

The Sikh Students Association is having a meeting to discuss inter-collegiate Bhanga competition. The meeting will be at 12:30 p.m. in the Student Union Guadalupe Room. For more information, call L. Singh at 924-3922.

Bake sale

The W.E.B. DuBois Scholarship Program is having a bake sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in front of the Bookstore. For more information, call Kwana Edwards at 924-5910.

Dance meeting

The San Jose State Ballroom Dance Club is having a club meeting and open practice from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Spartan Complex, Room 89. The drop-in cost is \$5.

Asian American meeting

The Asian American Christian Fellowship is having its weekly meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Union Guadalupe Room. For more information, call David at 265-7442.

Study group

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. is having the "Delta Study Sessions" from 7 to 9 p.m. every Wednesday on the fourth floor of Clark Library. For more information, call Tracy at 279-4431.

Meditation meeting

The Mindfulness Meditation Practice Group is having its weekly group meeting from 7 to 8:15 a.m. in the Spartan Memorial Chapel. For more information, call Susan Murphy at 924-1326.

M.E.C.h.A.

The Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan organization is having a meeting at 3:15 p.m. in the Chicano Resource Center.

Support group

The Women's Resource Center is having its weekly support group meeting from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Administration Building Room 222 B. For more information, call Liz at 924-6500.

Weight control counseling

The SJSU Health Center is offering free individual counseling for students interested in weight control from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Health Center. For more information, call 924-6122.

Sociology meeting

The Sociology Club is having its weekly club meeting at 2:45 p.m. in Dudley Moorhead Hall, Room 359. For more information, call Will Wells at 338-6260.

Daily Mass

The Catholic Campus Ministry — The Newman Community is having Daily Mass from 12:05 to 12:30 p.m. in the John XXIII Center located across the street from the SJSU Theatre. For more information, call Ginny at 938-1619.

Ongoing book sale

The Library Donations and Sales Unit is having an ongoing book sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Donations and Sales Unit of the Wahlquist Library North and the Clark Library lobby. Donations are welcome.

Study group

The Black Alliance of Scientists and Engineers is having study group from 6 to 9 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday on the second floor of Clark Library. For more information, call 924-8646.

'La Gloire de Mon Pere'

Le Cercle Français is having a film on "La Gloire de Mon Pere" at 4 p.m. in the Business Classrooms, Room 14. For more information, call Dr. Desalvo at 924-4611.

Scholarship brown bag lunch

The Re-Entry Advisory Program is having a brown bag lunch talking about scholarships, loans and financial aid presented by Carol Garcia and Deanna Gonzales from Financial Services. The event will take place from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union Pacheco Room. For more information, call Susan Clair at 924-5962.

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Hi-Tech: Upgrade needed

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with DOS and Windows 3.1," she said, referring to older versions of Microsoft's operating system.

The center was established in 1989 on a grant from the Community College Foundation in cooperation with the California State Department of Rehabilitation. San Jose State University became the first four-year institution to open a computer center for students with disabilities, said Donna Ellis, the advisement and outreach coordinator who penned the original grant.

Funds from the original grant ran out in 1991, after which the Disability Resource Center was not able to find enough funds to upgrade the computers to meet ADA codes. Radwan said the center was saddled with increasingly old and obsolete equipment and furniture that was inaccessible to the disabled.

With the center in dire straits financially, its director, Martin Schuler, appealed to SJSU's chief information officer Don Zitter. Zitter green-lighted the funds for upgraded computer equipment and furniture. The new equipment will enable the center to put its space to better use and serve more students.

"SJSU is committed to ensuring that students with disabili-

ties have training and equal access to the academic environment," said Cindy Marota, assistant to the director of the Disability Resource Center.

The center is an important part of the Disability Resource Center's overall effort to equip disabled students with the skills they need to be successful on campus and in the work force. The center provides its services to any student registered with the Disability Resource Center.

The center offers disabled students a number of different services. For example, visually impaired students can train to use software such as the AdvantEdge Reading Machine and Braille Output. The student can type class papers on a Braille keyboard and the computer will read back what they have written.

Students with learning disabilities can use cognitive software geared to help them improve their memories, information processing and critical thinking skills. Julie Wydeven, the center's coordinator, said many disabled students would not complete their degrees without the training software.

"This is a terrific asset for SJSU and especially for the disabled students," Wydeven said.

She said it is also an important center for non-disabled students at SJSU because a person can become physically or

mentally disabled due to a serious injury.

"Bear in mind that a student could become disabled at any time so the center is an asset to the whole student body because if they become disabled from a serious injury they can still continue their educational goals with the help of the center," Wydeven said.

Wydeven said she works with students to assist them in finding software that incorporates techniques that help them learn or get the work done for their classes. The one-on-one training allows the trainers to find the most helpful compensation techniques.

To comply with the ADA, the other computer labs on campus must provide at least one accessible and adaptable work station for the disabled students. In order to meet the ADA codes, the station should be wheelchair accessible, the computers should have a screen reader, screen magnification, and articulating key board.

Both Wydeven and Radwan will educate lab managers throughout campus so they can be in compliance with ADA codes.

"I do not think the labs are resisting the code compliance they just need knowledge about how to make a station accessible to the disabled because they do not know what the disabled need," Radwan said.

Scholars: Recruiting for SJSU

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four-year tenure at SJSU. The students must earn a 3.25 the first year, 3.3 the second year and 3.5 the third year.

The President's Scholars are expected to be leaders on campus and transfer information about SJSU back to their former high schools.

"They are expected to go back to their high school and answer questions from students interested in SJSU," Redding said.

High hopes

So far, there are five scholarships in the President's Scholars Program. Two of the scholarships will be available in the fall 1998 year. Carter said Caret hopes to have eight by next fall.

"We're concerned that we'll get more interest than scholarships available," Redding said.

The SJSU College of Science has established four scholarships that will only be available for life science majors. The scholarships are called the Laurie and Betty Davison

President's Scholars in the Life Sciences Scholarship. The first one will be awarded in fall 1998. The other three will be distributed once annually over the next three years. The estate of Laurie and Betty Davison endowed the College of Science Scholarships.

The other President's Scholarship is The Donald R. Ryan President's Scholar Endowment. The SJSU

Associated Students established this scholarship in honor of Donald R. Ryan, a former financial aid director. The scholarship will be open to all majors.

Gonzales said the program is in the premature stages because the university is still in the process of putting together a committee to review applications.

The deadline for those applications is April 1, 1998.

El Niño:

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homeless for the homeless in the church kitchen. Clothing is collected and then distributed free. On-site counseling is sometimes given, with Stanford graduate Nancy Nichols as outreach coordinator.

"As a volunteer, I see people that I know will live and die on the streets," Nichols said. "I can't do anything, but I can be with them in their times of need."

According to Wagers, the church buried four homeless individuals last year. Although no organization in San Jose keeps track of the numbers of homeless that die, San Francisco's Homeless Coalition counted 154 people who died in the streets of San Francisco last year either from hunger, weather or health problems.

Wagers also estimated that about 100 individuals come to the Homeless Alliance for help in a given week. Any food and clothing donated this week will directly benefit those individuals.

"We try to know them as friends, find out what they need and do what we can to implement (solutions to) those needs," Wagers said.

Wagers added that the Homeless Alliance strives to be more like the late Mother Theresa.

"We don't see things as in an 'I'm better than you, so I'll help you.' We are all brothers and sisters," Wagers said.

Wagers will give a speech on homelessness in Bob Gliner's Social Problems course on Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m. at Dudley Moorhead Hall, Room 231.

Barrels for the drive are located outside the Student Union and Dudley Moorhead Hall's Room 227. The drive runs until Nov. 12.

CRIME WATCH

Monday, Nov. 3 — A man was arrested in the Tenth Street Garage for being drunk in public.

Monday, Nov. 3 — A woman reported damage to the car she left parked in the Tenth Street Garage.

Monday, Nov. 3 — A wallet was stolen from the Event Center Locker Room.

Saturday, Nov. 1 — Several obscene phone calls were made to residents in Joe West Hall.

Saturday, Nov. 1 — Someone reported that fans were smoking marijuana at the football game against Fresno State.

Saturday, Nov. 1 — A resident adviser in Moulder Hall found what she thought was bag of marijuana while conducting rounds.

Saturday, Nov. 1 — A man was arrested for being drunk in public at the Seventh Street Garage.

Friday, Oct. 31 — A minor was cited for possession of alcohol at a fraternity house.

Wednesday, Oct. 29 — Obscene phone calls were made to residents in Washburn Hall.

Tuesday, Oct. 28 — A man was arrested for stealing from the Bookstore.

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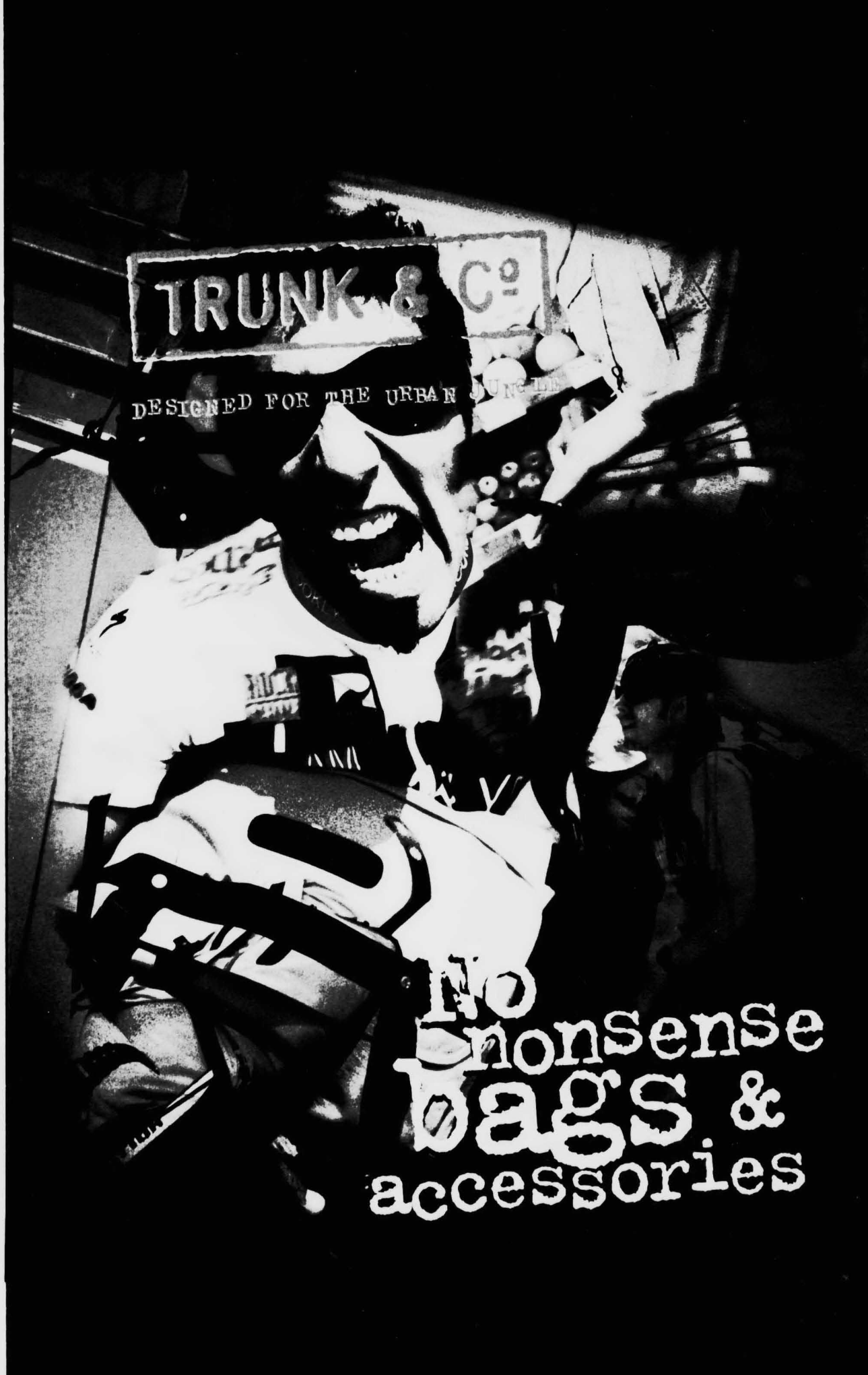
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